FAQs for Reciprocal Membership Agreement with SAICA

What is the Recognition Membership Agreement with SAICA about?

The agreement allows for eligible members of ISCA and SAICA to become members of the other institute.

For CA (Singapore) to become SAICA members:

1. How do I become a SAICA member?

Members who joined ISCA as a CA (Singapore) member after completing the Singapore CA Qualification (SCAQ) will be able to apply to SAICA as a member. Applicants will need to hold active membership with ISCA to be eligible under the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route.

If you have been granted previous module exemptions under the SCAQ, you may be required to complete the exempted module(s) before applying for SAICA membership.

You may refer to SAICA website for application details.

2. What qualification must I hold to apply for SAICA membership under the Reciprocal Membership Agreement?

You must hold a degree assessed by the South African Qualifications Authority's (SAQA) Foreign Qualifications Evaluation and Advisory Services as equivalent to a three-year South African bachelor's degree.

3. I am a CA (Singapore) but do not hold a degree. Am I eligible to apply as a SAICA member through the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route?

You may be eligible for reciprocal membership with SAICA, subject to the following conditions:

- You must have acquired at least five (5) years of relevant post-qualification work experience after being awarded the CA (Singapore) designation;
- You must undergo an interview conducted by SAICA's Foreign Qualifications Panel; and
- Your academic qualification must be evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

4. I became a CA (Singapore) through another reciprocal agreement or special arrangement pathway. Am I eligible to apply as a SAICA member through the Reciprocal Membership Agreement?

No, CA (Singapore) members will need to have completed the normal education and training route through the SCAQ to be eligible for the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route.

5. I am a former CA (Singapore). Am I eligible to apply as a SAICA member through the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route?

The agreements are only applicable to CA (Singapore) members with active membership status at the time of application.

6. I am a CA (Singapore) but I did not complete the SCAQ, how can I become a member of SAICA?

You can consider taking the SCAQ to avail yourself for the recognition under the reciprocity agreement route. We believe that with the agreements with CA ANZ, CAI, CPA Australia, ICAEW and ICAS, and potentially with other professional bodies in the future, more will be encouraged to pursue the SCAQ to gain greater career mobility and have access to an extended professional network.

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For SAICA members to become CA (Singapore):

7. How do I become a CA (Singapore)?

Members who joined SAICA after completing the SAICA CA of the Future Qualification Programme will be able to apply to ISCA as a member. Applicants will need to hold active membership with SAICA to be eligible under the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route.

If you have been granted previous module exemptions under the CA of the Future Qualification programme, you may be required to complete module(s) before applying for ISCA membership.

Please contact us at membership@isca.org.sg if you have queries.

8. I became a SAICA member through another reciprocal agreement or special arrangement pathway. Am I eligible to apply as an ISCA member through the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route?

No, SAICA members will need to have completed the normal education and training route through the SAICA CA of the Future Qualification Programme to be eligible for the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route.

Alternatively, you may consider the following membership pathways. Click on the respective links to find out more:

- Associate Pathway
- Experienced Professional Pathway

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9. I am a former SAICA member. Am I eligible to apply as an ISCA member through the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route?

The agreements are only applicable to SAICA members with active membership status at the time of application.

10. I qualified as a SAICA member under an earlier version of the normal education and training route. Am I eligible to apply for ISCA membership under the Reciprocal Membership Agreement?

Yes. You are eligible to apply, provided that SAICA confirms you completed the education and training requirements applicable at the time you qualified, and you meet all other applicable requirements of the Reciprocal Membership Agreement.

11. How should I apply to become a public accountant after joining ISCA as a CA (Singapore) member through the Reciprocal Membership Agreement route?

The public accountant (PA) registration is administered by the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA). There are certain requirements as prescribed by ACRA, some of which include practical experience, proficiency in local laws and the completion of the ISCA Public Practice Programme. You may refer here for more information on the requirements.

12. I have satisfied the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements of the home body of the reciprocal arrangement. Is this equivalent to meeting ISCA's Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements?

You will need to fulfil the CPD requirements for CA (Singapore) once your application has been approved. For CA(Singapore), you will need to fulfil 120 CPE hours across a rolling 3-year period, of which 60 hours must be verifiable. A minimum of 20 verifiable hours, including 2 verifiable hours of ethics, must be completed each year (or 6 verifiable hours of ethics over a rolling 3-year period).

Find out more about the CPE requirements here.